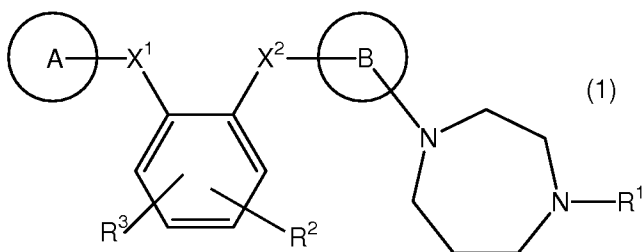


a.) Amendment to the Claims:

Please amend claims 3-8 as follows. A complete listing of all the claims appears below; this listing replaces all earlier amendments and listings of the claims.

1. (Previously presented) A diazepam compound represented by the following formula (I) or a salt thereof:



symbols in the above formula have the following meanings:

rings A and B: they are the same or different and are each aryl or heteroaryl which may have 1 to 3 substituents;

$X^1$ :  $-C(=O)-NR^{4+}$ ,  $-NR^4-C(=O)-$ ,  $-NR^4-CH_2-$ ,  $-O-CH_2-$ ,  $-CH_2-$

$CH_2-$  or  $-CH=CH-$ ;

$X^2$ :  $-C(=O)-NR^5-$  or  $-NR^5-C(=O)-$ ;

$R^1$ : hydrogen atom, lower alkyl, -lower alkylene-O- lower alkyl,  $C_{3-8}$  cycloalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, -lower alkylene- $C_{3-8}$  cycloalkyl, -lower alkylene-aryl, -lower alkylene-heteroaryl or  $-C(=NR^6)$ -lower alkyl;

$R^2$ :  $-OH$ ;

$R^3$ : hydrogen atom, halogen atom or lower alkyl; and

$R^4$ ,  $R^5$  and  $R^6$ : they are the same or different and are each hydrogen atom or lower alkyl.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Currently amended) The diazepan ~~derivative~~ compound or a salt thereof according to claim 1, wherein the ring A and the ring B are the same or different and are each benzene ring, pyridine ring, naphthalene ring, thiophene ring, benzofuran ring or quinoline ring which may have 1 to 3 substituents.

4. (Currently amended) The diazepan ~~derivative~~ compound or a salt thereof according to claim 1, wherein the substituent of the aryl or heteroaryl which may have 1 to 3 substituents is a substituent selected from optionally substituted lower alkyl, lower alkenyl, lower alkynyl, C<sub>3-8</sub> cycloalkyl, optionally -O-substituted lower alkyl, halogen atom, -NH<sub>2</sub>, -NH-lower alkyl, -N-(lower alkyl)<sub>2</sub>, -C(=NH)-NH<sub>2</sub>, -C(=N-OH)-NH<sub>2</sub>, -C(=NH)-NH-OH, -C(=NH)-NH-C(=O)-O-lower alkyl, -COOH, optionally -C(=O)-O-substituted lower alkyl, optionally -C(=O)-O-substituted C<sub>6-14</sub> aryl, optionally -C(=O)-O-substituted heteroaryl, -CN, -NO<sub>2</sub>, -OH, optionally -O-CO substituted lower alkyl, -O-CO-NH<sub>2</sub>, -O-CO-NH-lower alkyl, -O-CO-N-(lower alkyl)<sub>2</sub>, -SH, -C(=O)-NH<sub>2</sub>, -C(=O)-NH-(lower alkyl) and -C(=O)-N-(lower alkyl)<sub>2</sub>.

5. (Currently amended) The diazepan ~~derivative~~ compound or a salt thereof according to claim 1 selected from 3-hydroxy-4'-methoxy-2-{{4-(4-methyl-1,4-diazepan-1-yl)benzoyl}amino}benzanilide, 3-hydroxy-*N*<sup>1</sup>-(4-methoxybenzoyl)-*N*<sup>2</sup>-[4-(4-methyl-1,4-diazepan-1-yl)benzoyl]-1,2-phenylenediamine, 5-chloro-N-(5-chloro-2-pyridyl)-3-hydroxy-2-{{4-(4-methyl-1,4-diazepan-1-yl)benzoyl}amino[[ ]]]benzamide, 5-chloro-3-hydroxy-4'-methoxy-2-{{4-(4-methyl-1,4-diazepan-1-yl)benzoyl}amino[[ ]]]benzanilide and 5-bromo-N-(5-chloro-2-pyridyl)-3-hydroxy-2-[[t]]{{4-(4-methyl-1,4-diazepan-1-yl)benzoyl} amino}benzamide.

6. (Currently amended) A pharmaceutical composition containing the diazepam ~~derivative~~ compound or a salt thereof according to claim 1 as an effective ingredient and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.
7. (Currently amended) An activated blood coagulation factor X inhibitor in which the diazepam ~~derivative~~ compound or a salt thereof according to claim 1 as an effective ingredient.
8. (Currently amended) A diazepam compound selected from  
3-hydroxy-4'-methoxy-2-{[4-(4-methyl-1,4-~~diazepam~~ diazepam-1-yl)benzoyl]amino}benzanilide, 4'-chloro-3-hydroxy-2-{[4-(4-methyl-1,4-~~diazepam~~ diazepam-1-yl)benzoyl]amino}benzanilide, 4'-fluoro-3-hydroxy-2-{[4-(4-methyl-1,4-~~diazepam~~ diazepam-1-yl)benzoyl]amino}benzanilide, 3-hydroxy-3'-methyl-2-{[4-(4-methyl-1,4-~~diazepam~~ diazepam-1-yl)benzoyl]amino}benzanilide, 4'-bromo-3-hydroxy-2-{[4-(4-methyl-1,4-~~diazepam~~ diazepam-1-yl)benzoyl]amino}benzanilide, 5-hydroxy-4'-methoxy-2-{[4-(4-methyl-1,4-~~diazepam~~ diazepam-1-yl)benzoyl]amino}benzanilide, 4-hydroxy-4'-methoxy-2-{[4-(4-methyl-1,4-~~diazepam~~ diazepam-1-yl)benzoyl]amino}benzanilide, N<sup>1</sup>-(4-chlorobenzoyl)-3-hydroxy-N<sup>2</sup>-[4-(4-methyl-1,4-~~diazepam~~ diazepam-1-yl)benzoyl]-1,2-~~phenylenediamine~~ phenylenediamine, N<sup>1</sup>-(4-bromobenzoyl)-3-hydroxy-N<sup>2</sup>-[4-(4-methyl-1,4-~~diazepam~~ diazepam-1-yl)benzoyl]-1,2-phenylenediamine, 3-hydroxy-N<sup>1</sup>-(3-methylbenzoyl)-N<sup>2</sup>-[4-(4-methyl-1,4-~~diazepam~~ diazepam-1-yl)benzoyl]-1,2-phenylenediamine, N<sup>1</sup>-(3-chloro-4-methoxybenzoyl)-3-hydroxy-N<sup>2</sup>-[4-(4-methyl-1,4-~~diazepam~~ diazepam-1-yl)benzoyl]-1,2-phenylenediamine, N<sup>1</sup>-[(5-chloro-2-thienyl)carbonyl]-3-hydroxy-N<sup>2</sup>-[4-(4-methyl-1,4-~~diazepam~~ diazepam-1-yl)benzoyl]-1,2-phenylenediamine, N<sup>1</sup>-(4-fluorobenzoyl)-3-hydroxy-N<sup>2</sup>-[4-(4-methyl-1,4-~~diazepam~~ diazepam-1-yl)benzoyl]-1,2-phenylenediamine, 3-hydroxy-N<sup>2</sup>-[4-(4-methyl-1,4-~~diazepam~~ diazepam-1-yl)benzoyl]N<sup>1</sup>-(2-

naphthoyl]-1,2-phenylenediamine, N<sup>1</sup>-[(5-bromo-2-thienyl)carbonyl]-3-hydroxy-N<sup>2</sup>-[4-(4-methyl-1,4-diazepan-1-yl)benzoyl]-1,2-phenylenediamine, N<sup>1</sup>-(1-benzofuran-2-ylcarbonyl)-3-hydroxy-N<sup>2</sup>-[4-(4-methyl-1,4-diazepan-1-yl)benzoyl]-1,2-phenylenediamine, 3-hydroxy-N<sup>2</sup>-[4-(4-methyl-1,4-diazepan-1-yl)benzoyl]-N<sup>1</sup>-(quinolin-3-ylcarbonyl)-1,2-phenylenediamine, 3-hydroxy-N<sup>1</sup>-[(5-methoxy-2-thienyl)carbonyl]-N<sup>2</sup>-[4-(4-methyl-1,4-diazepan-1-yl)benzoyl]-1,2-phenylenediamine, N<sup>1</sup>-(3-fluoro-4-methoxybenzoyl)-3-hydroxy-N<sup>2</sup>-[4-(4-methyl-1,4-diazepan-1-yl)benzoyl]-1,2-phenylenediamine, 3-hydroxy-N<sup>1</sup>-(4-methoxybenzoyl)-N<sup>2</sup>-{4-[4-(4-pyridyl)-1,4-diazepan-1-yl]benzoyl}-1,2-phenylenediamine, 3-hydroxy-N<sup>1</sup>-(4-methoxybenzoyl)-N<sup>2</sup>-(4-{4-[1-(N-methylimino)ethyl]-1,4-diazepan-1-yl}benzoyl)-1,2-phenylenediamine, N<sup>2</sup>-[4-(4-benzyl-1,4-diazepan-1-yl)benzoyl]-3-hydroxy-N<sup>1</sup>-(4-methoxybenzoyl)-1,2-phenylenediamine, 3-[(4-methoxybenzoyl)amino]-2-{[4-(4-methyl-1,4-diazepan-1-yl)benzoyl]amino}phenyl hydrogen sulfate, 3-hydroxy-N<sup>2</sup>-(4-methoxybenzoyl)-N<sup>1</sup>-[4-(4-methyl-1,4-diazepan-1-yl)benzoyl]-1,2-phenylenediamine, N<sup>2</sup>-[4-(1,4-diazepan-1-yl)benzoyl]-3-hydroxy-N<sup>1</sup>-(4-methoxybenzoyl)-1,2-phenylenediamine, N<sup>2</sup>-[4-(4-cyclopropylmethyl-1,4-diazepan-1-yl)benzoyl]-3-hydroxy-N<sup>1</sup>-(4-methoxybenzoyl)-1,2-phenylenediamine, 3-hydroxy-N<sup>2</sup>-{4-[4-(1-iminoethyl)-1,4-diazepan-1-yl]benzoyl}-N<sup>1</sup>-(4-methoxybenzoyl)-1,2-phenylenediamine, N<sup>2</sup>-[4-(4-cyclobutyl-1,4-diazepan-1-yl)benzoyl]-3-hydroxy-N<sup>1</sup>-(4-methoxybenzoyl)-1,2-phenylenediamine, 3-hydroxy-N<sup>1</sup>-(4-methoxybenzoyl)-N<sup>2</sup>-{4-[4-(2-methoxyethyl)-1,4-diazepan-1-yl]benzoyl}-1,2-phenylenediamine, 5-chloro-N-(5-chloro-2-pyridyl)-3-hydroxy-2-{[4-(4-methyl-1,4-diazepan-1-yl)benzoyl]amino}benzamide, 5-bromo-N-(5-chloro-2-pyridyl)-3-hydroxy-2-{[4-(4-methyl-1,4-diazepan-1-yl)benzoyl]amino}benzamide or a salt thereof.